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the HIVgp120 protein, was also coated onto gold powder in the same manner as was described above. To determine the extent of peptide loading onto the gold, a tritiated ( $H^3$ ) version of the HIV peptide was carried through the loading procedure, and the number of bound counts was determined. From this analysis, it was determined that each carrier sheet contained approximately 5  $\mu$ g of peptide. The tritiated peptide assay indicated that only about one-third of the amount of the peptide added to the gold beads ultimately remained bound to the carrier sheet. It was assumed that the loading rate of the influenza NP peptide onto the gold particles was comparable to that of the HIVgp120 peptide.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 20, as follows:

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20. (Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the peptide has the sequence  
(SEQ ID NO.:1) TYQRTRALV.

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